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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Examiner:

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Art Unit:

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Application No.: 08/217,324

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For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR IMPLANTING TRANSDUCED CELLS

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2000, and further to the Notice of Appeal received by the Office on August 7, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A device for implanting autologous-vascular smooth muscle cells transduced with a gene of interest into a mammalian subject, comprising:

a tubular elongate member having a wall, which wall has an interior surface, an exterior surface, and pores therein, and

autologous smooth muscle cells transduced with the gene of interest immobilized within the pores and upon the interior surface of the wall to form a tubular smooth muscle cell complex whereby the smooth muscle cells remain stably immobilized on the graft surface and express a product of said gene.